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RESERVE BOARD'S ACTION

The action of the Federal Reserve Board recently in raising interest rates back to the all-time high, a move that was designed to combat inflation, is a disappointing development.

The Federal Reserve Board's current tight-money policy is the same which helped to bring on a back-breaking interest installment on the national debt each year, which has increased in recent years, thus adding to inflationary pressures, and is a blow to the so-called little man, who must borrow money to obtain the essentials of life

The board authorized five Federal Reserve Banks to raise interest rates on loans to commercial banks from 3 to 3.5 per cent. The effect, of course, is to make credit tighter for ordinary borrowers in the five areas, and the other seven Federal Reserve Banks will no doubt go along with this policy.

In our opinion, the Federal Reserve Board is fighting an inflationary straw man, or if the inflationary threat is indeed upon us, the Board is fighting it in the wrong way. There is such a thing as high-interest inflation as well as normal inflation, and the latest move, raising interest rates to an all-time high again, will prove costly, and can prove inflationary in several ways.

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THE DAYS OF JUNE

The days of June, especially the 15th, 16th, and 17th, are filled with Revolutionary War history. There are also two dates which involve the history of the later War Between the States.

For example, Harriet Beecher Stowe was born in 1812 on June 14th. She was to have a tremendous influence on millions of people before her life was over. And the last day of the third week in June, this year, also brings memories of the 1861-65 period.

West Virginia, which seceded from Virginia, was admitted to the Union in 1863, on June 20th. This was the only case of a state seceding from a Confederate State, and the two states are still separated today, the division thus proving permanent.

As far as Revolutionary War history is concerned, George Washington was made Commander-in-Chief of the American army on June 15th, 1775. The next day, the 16th, in that same year, Washington accepted command of the American army and led it through years and years of hard struggle to final victory.

The following day, the 17th, is also an historical day, for on that day the Battle of Bunker Hill occurred — the day after Washington had assumed command of the American army.

On the 19th of June, in 1619, the first Virginia Assembly was held —that being almost 350 years ago. Thus we have been having Colonial assemblies, or legislatures either Colonial or non-Colonial, for much longer than those not familiar with American history sometimes assume.

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NON-RED SUMMIT TALKS

Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson, in the United States Senate, has proposed that the United States take the lead in setting up summit talks which will not include communist officials. It is a new suggestion, and one which has received a generally favorable reaction.

Johnson believes the present and contemplated negotiations with the Russians this year, as in the past, will prove futile, and that the democracies should not waste time in similar conferences in the future —unless there is a positive assurance that something is to be gained in such conferences.

However, he says that there are many new nations in the world, having either been established or founded in some way since World War II, which should be included in summit talks. They have a right to voice their opinions and exert their influence in such conferences, which have such wide repercussions throughout the world, Johnson believes.

It will be remembered that the Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, did not believe in futile conferences with the Russians, unless there could be real progress achieved. In the Geneva talks of several years ago, and in recent talks, it appears fairly obvious that the Russians seek to use these conferences to wrangle with leaders of the great democracies, in an effort to wring from them gains, whether large or small.

Unfortunately, the history of practically all such conferences since World War II show that the Russians have often obtained concessions, and almost always propaganda advantages from these talks. If the Western powers are to achieve nothing from them, then it may well be that Johnson's proposal will eventually be accepted.

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It is strange how tired a man can be on Sunday morning, about church time, and how quickly he can recover by mid-afternoon, if something turns up.

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Most people, when confronted with their favorite meal, make a spectacle of themselves.

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The time to save money is when you can scrape up some to save. Next year is never a good time.

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The misery of miseries is to seek a place in the social whirl out of relation to one's income.

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If you can keep from being envious and jealous of your fellow man you are approaching the outskirts of civilization.

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Every individual requires some relaxation; the trouble is that some people just don't know how to get it.

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No matter the price of any product, there will be some smart traders who want to buy it at a reduced price.

Bible Material: II Chronicles 17: 19—20. **Devotional Reading:** II Chronicles 30: 5-12, 18-21.

A Strong Country

Lesson for June 21, 1959

THE STORY of King Jehosaphat in the Bible gives us a valuable illustration of what a "strong country" or nation is, and also how the various parts of institutions of a country support one another. When the words "strong" or "weak" are used of nations today, the meaning usually is a military one. A strong nation is one that would be likely to win a war if it got into one. Now the kingdom of Judah, which had been pretty weak, revived its military strength under Jehoshaphat's leadership. He reorganized the army itself and also rebuilt the fortresses that guarded the strategic points in Judah. But there were other nations which were even stronger from a military view, and they did not outfast little Judah. There were other forms of strength in that nation.

Dr. Foreman

Support of Education

In those days there were no colleges, no schools in our sense of the word. Most of what we now teach in school was still unknown; we would call that civilization "barbaric" if it existed today. Nevertheless, even hookless people need education. King Jehoshaphat saw to it that the schools went to the people. He routed the priests, Levites and princes out of the capital city where most of them seem to have gone, and sent them around the country to teach the people where they lived. We can observe similar movements today in the village schools of India or the folk-schools of Denmark. Many Americans seem to think you can't have real education without big expensive plants (including gymnasiums bigger than anything else); but where countries are small, and poor, as Jehoshaphat's was by our standards, you have to do something simpler.

Support of the Courts

King Jehoshaphat knew that even an educated and well-churched nation needs good courts. His strong charge to the judges he appointed is still as good as new. (Incidentally, we note that he saw to it that every town had a court. If courts are not available, if they are too far and too few, you get the "west-of-the-Pecos" stuff, which is really not law at all.) The king advised the judges to make their decisions in the fear of God, not of men. Courts which make only such decisions as they know will be popular are basically unfair. A court must not ask: Will everybody like this? but is this fair and just in the sight of God? Furthermore, the king warned those judges against partiality, or taking bribes. "Peddlers of influence" were a nuisance in those days as well as these. A court or a judge that can be bought, a lawyer who thinks only of his fee and his fame, are obstructions to justice. Some one has said that the whole purpose of the law is to protect the weak from the strong. And when courts are too weak to do that, the whole country slides into weakness and decay.

Support of the Church

Little if anything is said about organized religion in Jehoshaphat's time. We may assume that the temple worship was going on, and we know the king suppressed many of the local shrines or "high places" as they were called. The trouble with those "high places" was that they tended to get off the track and actually become centers of idol-worship, sometimes of a repulsive sort. But the significant thing about this king's attitude to religion was that he expected it to push out into the other institutions of society. When his army was in a tight place, he prayed, "We do not know what to do, but our eyes art upon Thee." He reminded his judges that God was their Judge. He sent both priests and Levites out to teach. It takes not only a strong army, strong educational institutions and strong courts to make a strong nation; a strong religion is needed as the base of it all. But the strength of a nation's faith is not shown in its far-flung organizations nor in the number attending public worship. The test of a nation's profesed religion was then and is now: Does it work out into the country's whole life?

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Washington Notes

Ike Deplores Hostility

President Eisenhower has gone on record as saying that a low point will be reached if personal antogonisms defeat the nomination of Lewis Strauss as Secretary of Commerce.

Eisenhower told a recent news conference that he regards Strauss, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, as a valuable public servant who has the utmost integrity.

Fund Addition Okayed

The Senate has voted $200,000,000 to tide over the Development Loan Fund for the next two months. President Eisenhower had asked for $225,000,000.

The House already had voted $1000,000,000 for this purpose, of lending money to friendly countries to help build their economies. A compromise is expected to be reached between the House and Senate figures, perhaps $150,000,000.

Food Prices Due To Drop

Retail food prices should be "slightly lower" this spring and early summer than a year ago, because of prospective seasonal supplies, according to the Department of Agriculture.

FHA Mortgages

Stringent rationing of FHA home mortgage insurance within a month is foreseen unless the congressional housing deadlock is broken soon.

Informed Capitol Hill sources predict the Federal Housing Administration will have to halt action on all new applications this month if new insurance authorization is not voted.

Foreign Aid Cut Asked

Representative Wayne L. Hanes, Democrat, of Ohio, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, has proposed changes in President Eisenhower's foreign aid program calling for an overall cut of $300,000,000.

Employment Rises

Unemployment fell sharply last month as the number of Americans at work reached a record for April.

A jump in the job total of 1,184,000 from March to April took 735,000 off unemployment rolls. Administration leaders say that the gains are double the normal seasonal expectation.

Gives Up Senate Hope

Republicans have given up any practical hope of regaining control of the Senate next year and will concentrate their heaviest campaign efforts on a few key states.

Senator Barry Goldwater, of Arizona, chairman of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, said a recent survey of prospects indicates it will be difficult for us to win the Senate in 1960.

High Heel Is Out

Tulare, Calif. (AP)—A woman proved a snake is afraid of a high heel.

Mrs. Smith, who was unintentionally bitten by a rattlesnake.

She heard a rattle as she got out of her car in her garage. Park. She saw a snake. She heard a rattler to the right of her. She killed the other snake to death.

Fast Work!

Rockingham, Eng. (AP)—Married three weeks ago, Mr. Maples while attending a funeral. Maples and his wife are busily getting settled.

"I didn't intend to start courting," explained Maples, 94. His wife is 91.

"We're the happiest couple in the world," he said. "His friends are all about him. He's a good husband." It seems to be a good marriage for both.

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WIN STATE FARMER DEGREE

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Blacksburg, Va., June 16.- One hundred sixty-nine of Virginia's top farm youths were elected to receive the State Farmer degree in the Future Farmers of America here last night. The degree ceremony was a part of the first session of the 33rd Annual F .F. A. Convention held this week at Virginia Tech. The State Farmer degree is the highest honor a State Association may confer upon its members in recognition of accomplishments in farming as well as other high school and community activities.

Included in the group were Jack Henry, Dennis Torrence and Jack Tibbs, of Appomattox.

Farm Mechanics Winner

Dennis W. Torrence, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Elliott Torrence, E. F .D. 2, Appomattox, has completed four years of vocational agriculture. The winner of the State Farm Mechanics Award not only excells in using his hands but also his mind. He recently graduated from the Appomattox High School with an average of 90+.

Dennis has participated in practically every activity sponsored by his local F. F. A. chapter, as well as other school activities. As a part of his training in vocational agriculture he has constructed numerous items of farm equipment, including feeders, a fertilizer distributor, seed sower, and post peeler. He has developed a home farm shop which is equipped to do most of the repair and construction jobs required in his home farming operation.

Young Torrence has won many awards for excellence in farm mechanics construction at local fairs and at the Lynchburg Farm Show. He has conducted a well - rounded student farming program, including five dairy animals, three acres of corn, two acres of barley, two acres of tobacco, two acres of forestry, and pasture and forage crops. Dennis plans to enter college this fall and continue his studies in agriculture.

DRAFT LAWS EXPLAINED

(The draft has been extended for four years, until July 1, 1963. This means that the young men of the country must continue to expect to serve in the military forces. This series of articles outlines the basic responsibilities and rights of young men under the draft law.)

At age 17, a young man (with his parents' consent) may choose among a wide variety of ways to begin the discharge of his total active duty and reserve obligation of at least six years. He may enlist in the regular forces for 3 to 6 years. He may enter a number of reserve or National Guard programs. He may even volunteer, with parental consent, for induction for two years.

Even after he registers for the draft at age 18, he has ahead of him about five years in which to choose his own time and method of discharging the military obligation. As he gains more education, these opportunities widen to include various military programs leading toward a commission.

But if he does not make his own choice, at around age 23 he may expect induction if he is acceptable and not deferred or exempt. And even though he may be unacceptable or deferred or exempt when his normal turn to serve comes, he may still be put in Class I-A if at any time up to his 35th birthday he loses the deferment or exemption, or the cause of his disqualification is removed.

If he should be reclassified into Class I-A before age 26, and is not a father, he would probably be the oldest man available and acceptable in his local board and, therefore, the first to be called.

Because of the need for manpower in the Armed Forces, seven out of ten men under present conditions have entered service voluntarily or by induction before age 26. The other three out of ten are almost all disqualified men. Of the qualified men, more than nine out of ten have entered service before age 26. The few remaining are those who went over age 26 in a deferred or exempt status.

By 1963, government manpower experts estimate that of all men, 5.5 out of 10, and 8 out of 10 qualified men, will have entered service by age 26. Higher standards now in effect disqualify more men.

Virtually no nonfathers, qualified and available, are now "escaping" service or will do so through 1963.

Shave, Anyone?

Havana.- At least 1,100 of Fidel Castro's long-haired, bearded revolutionaries are going to get shaves and haircuts.

They are member's of Cuba's National Police Force. Police Chief Efigenio Almejeiras issued them an order for shaves and hair trims, and said uniformity was his goal. He explained that policemen who didn't serve with Castro's guerrilla forces are clean shaven.

Promises Asylum

New Delhi.- Prime Minister Nehru has told his Parliament that India will grant asylum to all Tibetan refugees "unless something is known against any particular person."

He said about 8,700 Tibetans had crossed the various Himalayan passes into India since the Tibetan people in Lhasa rebelled against the Chinese Communists.

Hidden Treasure

Cincinnati.- Miss Matilda Krohne, 77, had been on relief since 1940 until her death a few weeks ago.

Welfare workers, rummaging around her home, discovered cash and stock worth nearly $30,000.

J. J. Flynn, manager of the Aid for the Aged Office, said he would file suit in Probate Court to recover funds equal to the aid given Mrs. Krohne through the years.

County Line

County Line, June 16.- The Bible School will begin at the Central Baptist Church Monday, June 22. It will begin each morning at 9:00 o'clock. The ones taking part will meet Saturday afternoon, June 20, at the church to organize classes.

Miss Roslin Trent, who teaches school at Harrisonburg, is spending the summer vacation here with her father, Mr. Milliard Trent.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs .Everette Ferguson during the week-end were Mrs. Minnie Foster, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Powell, of Roanoke, Mr .and Mrs. Paul Ferguson, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs . Peyton Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Harvey and Mr. Ray Ferguson.

Mrs. Ramon Roland and son visited her mother, Mrs. Dan Irby Sunday.

Little Donnie Jones was hurt Friday while riding a bicycle. He spent a few hours in the hospital.

Mr. Floyd Smith is not so well at this writing.

Mrs. Iris Carter visited her father, Mr. Jones Jones Saturday.

Mrs .Annie Powell is visiting her son, Nathan.

Miss Barbara Wilhelm, Miss Ann Waller and Mr. Bob Page, of Richmond visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waller over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs .Thomas Smith, of Lynchburg visited in the home of J. B. Jones Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mullin visited Mr. and Mrs. Pat Davis Sunday night.

Dial 2811 with Personals.

Pamplin

Pamplin, June 16.- Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cobb, Jr., are spending their vacation at Colonial Beach.

Mrs. R .R. Irvine, of Philadelphia is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Canada.

Mr. and Mrs .George Ashford and children, of Burkeville, were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Embry Davis.

The W. S. C. S. of the M. E. Methodist Church met at the church Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Davis and daughter, Kathy, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davis, of Roanoke.

Mrs. F. C. Miller and children, of Locust Hill are visiting her mother, Mrs. N. L. McClenny, and other relatives here.

Smashing Good Fielding

Denver.- Youngsters playing baseball at Manual High School watched in admiration as Postman Warren A. Adams retrieved a lost ball across the street and threw it in their direction.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

A Tip From Our "Cap"

Couple of months ago, Cap Anderson traded in that fifteen-year-old rattletrap of his and purchased a new snazzy 59 model car. A real beauty, too—big and complete with everything.

Today, of all things, he came into town behind the wheel of his old car. Naturally, I was wanted to find out why.

"Back," said Cap, "I'm a two-car family. I keep this car because it belongs to my wife."

From where I sit, all of us have certain affections that grow more a part of us with each passing year. For instance, when I think of Saturday night, I always think of my easy chair and a cold glass of beer. Your idea may be something else. But let's not ask each other to "change"—let's just respect the other fellow's preference. Agreed?

Joe Marsh

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